

[7th March, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

Pvc^/amnies Telecast by Fashion Channel

† 1029. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI MATI SAROJ DUBEY:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have studied the programmes being telecast by the fashion channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the telecast of this channel is likely to be discontinued or stopped?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

(SHRIMATI SHISHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The programme of Fashion TV channel were monitored for a period of one week. Excerpts from the monitored programme were shown to the members of the Consultative Committee of MPs attached to the Ministry of I&B on 15th February, 2001. As decided in the Consultative Committee meeting, the concerns regarding the content of the programme were brought to the notice of the producers of the programme. The Government has taken up with the programme producer, the need to adhere to the Programme code, prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules made thereunder, which provide *inter-alia* that no programme shall be carried in the cable service, which contains anything obscene, defamatory, deliberate, false and suggestive innuendos and half truths, and which denigrates women through the depiction, in any manner, of the figure of a women, her form or body or any part thereof in such a way as to have the effect of being indecent, or derogatory to women, or is likely to deprive, corrupt and injure the public morality or morals. The producers of the programme assured to do so.

Grant of Temporary status to casual labourers by EMC

1030. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 1 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 2000 and state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.